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1. The following names of Soviet Legation personnel were obtained from Lebanese Government records and from passports:

a. Viktor Rusanov is attached to the Soviet Legation in Syria.

b. Alexandra Tuyakhova is listed as of August 1947.

Comment. Alexandra Tuyakhova has been reported previously as a secretary at the Soviet Legation. Her passport is No. 48638.)

c. Ivan Grichin was listed as a driver, but the Soviet Legation changed his classification to that of "collaborator." The term "collaborator," used only by the Soviets in Lebanon, represents a rank just below that of an officer, according to source. Comment. Ivan Grichin has previously been reported as driver for the Soviet Legation, as well as acting as Victor Khangulov's assistant for Communist and labor syndicate affairs. He has also been reported as in charge of liaison with the Society of Soviet Patriots.)

25X1A d. Mikhail Korostovtsev was listed as Tass representative in August 1947. [REDACTED] Comment. Mikhail Korostovtsev was formerly Tass representative in Cairo. B-3.)

e. Valentina Volkova was listed as "collaborator" in August 1947.

f. Andrei Posisayev's name was given as "collaborator" in April 1948.

g. Nikolai Kepanov's name was given as "collaborator" in September 1948.

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2. [REDACTED] the Lebanese Government wished to arrest Ra'if Khuri at an unspecified time prior to mid-October 1948, but the Soviet Legation intervened, stating that he was an employee of the Legation, presumably because he edits the Soviet information bulletin. The Lebanese Government, accordingly, did not arrest him. Khuri's home is described by informant as the meeting place for numerous "disreputable characters."
3. Ra'if Khuri works not only for Vladimir Ivanov's Bulletin of Information, but also as translator at the Soviet Legation. His principal contacts at the Legation are Victor Khangulov and Fyodot Pisarenko. In addition to giving political information, Khuri is involved in general intelligence activities, source states.

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